



Weekly Information & Communication



July 25, 2016

## Food Product Survey

A brief survey on additional or changes to existing food products on the WIC Authorized Food List is open to all Montana WIC staff. These changes are being considered for a new food list that would be released with the full rollout of eWIC. Please complete the [survey](#) by July 31, 2016.

## New Employee Training

This is the last week to register for the New Employee Training that will be held September 20-22<sup>nd</sup> in Helena. Registration needs to be submitted by July 29<sup>th</sup>. Please refer back to the July 11<sup>th</sup> newsletter article for the registration form, agenda and the list of hotels in the area that have state rate available. If you have questions please contact [Lacy Little](#) at the state office.

## Immunization Webinar for WIC

Please join Every Child By Two - Carter/Bumpers Champions for Immunization, and our partners at the USDA, the National WIC Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for a lunchtime Immunization Webinar developed specifically for WIC staff. During this one-hour webinar you will learn about vaccination recommendations for infants, children and pregnant women; key messages regarding the immunization schedule, vaccines and vaccine safety; and an overview regarding how to review a child's immunization record to determine up-to-date status of WIC clients.

You must preregister here: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/sns1owlcdfht&eom> to participate in the webinar.

Date & Time: Thursday, July 28, 2016; 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Meeting Type: Webinar (via ReadyTalk's webinar system)

## New Staff in State WIC Office

We are pleased to welcome Alex Long as a new Health Education Specialist with the State WIC Program. Alex brings a strong skill-set from DPHHS' Quality Assurance Division and will be working as part of the Administrative / Retail team. She will be working closely with retailers and local agencies on monitoring activities, policy development, and training, as well as our transition to eWIC. Please contact Alex at (406) 444-4746 or [ALong@mt.gov](mailto:ALong@mt.gov) and join us in welcoming her to the WIC Program.

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## Time Study Deadline August 5<sup>th</sup>!

Make sure you are doing completing your time study. Final due date for Time study is Aug 5th. Thanks!

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## Farewell Leslie McKittrick

Leslie McKittrick is retiring July 29<sup>th</sup> after 24 + years in WIC. Feel free to [email Leslie](#) from Gallatin County WIC with a few kind words to send her off into retirement; she would love to hear from you. Thank you!

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## Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 343](#), Diabetes Mellitus consists of a group of metabolic diseases characterized by inappropriate hyperglycemia resulting from defects in insulin secretion, insulin action or both. Presence of diabetes mellitus diagnosed, documented, or reported by a physician or someone working under a physician's orders, or as self-reported by applicant/participant/caregiver.

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